



1st Graaff-Reinet Scout Group

Minutes of the 113th Annual General Meeting

Date: 22 January 2026

Time: 18:00

Venue: Chookie Geard Scout Hall – Graaff-Reinet

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by **Jacques Ferreira (SGL)**, who welcomed:

- Parents
- Scouts
- Committee members
- Special guest: **Mr William Pringle – Headmaster: Union High School**

2. Attendance

Apologies Received:

- James Potgieter
- Ryan Hobson
- Johan Voster
- Mrs Malan

3. Approval of Previous Minutes (112th AGM)

- Minutes approved: **Christopher Nash**
 - Seconded by: **Carlien Hudson**
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4. Troop Scouter's Report (Jacques Ferreira)

Jacques presented an overview of Scouting's global origins, highlighting the legacy of **Lord Baden-Powell** and the international scale of Scouting, now spanning **over 60 million members in 176 countries**.

4.1 Local Group Growth

- 2023: 9 scouts
- 2024: 12 scouts
- 2025: 17 scouts
- 2026: 7 new recruits expected (projected total: 22 scouts)

4.2 Highlights of 2025 Activities

- PL & APL Hike & Overnight Camp (10–11 May)
- PL visit to 1st Walmer Scout Troop (16 May)
- Troop Survival Camp (02–03 Aug; 12 scouts)
- Camp Practice Build (24 Oct; 7 scouts)
- Environmental Community Service (06 Dec; 5 scouts)

4.3 Weekly Troop Meetings

Focus on developing practical scouting skills:

- First-aid stretcher races
- Bridge build
- Upside-down tent build
- Catapult build
- Two-metre tripod fire-and-cook challenge
- Investment ceremony for six new scouts

4.4 Scouters

- Joined in 2025: **James Potgieter**
- New for 2026: **Ryan Hobson, Chris Nash**
- Stepping down: **Johan Voster**



Jacques thanked the outgoing committee for their support throughout the year.

5. Maintenance Report

Delivered by **Jacques (on behalf of Johan Voster)**.

- Broken window repairs
 - Door repair following break-in
 - Outdoor flagpole installation
 - Pole & rope sorting
 - Annual yard clean-up
 - Annual hall clean-up
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6. PRO Report

Delivered by **Jacques (on behalf of James Potgieter)**.

- First Aid box restocked through sponsorship from **Merino Pharmacy**
 - Poles sponsored by **UHS Development Trust**
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7. Fundraising Report

- Report position currently **vacant**
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8. Finance Report

Presented by **Bronwyn Ferreira**.

FINANCIAL YEAR 1 AUG 2024 – 31 JULY 2025

1. We are currently eroding our bank balance.

Balance movement:

01.08.2024	R80 754.65
01.08.2025	R68.984.69
Current	R56 342.46

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2. Our main expenses are:

Municipal charges	R10 000
Maintenance	R 6 000
Bank charges	R 2 000

3. Subscriptions

We have increased subs by with 10%.

We pay over R150 per scout to our Scouts Regional office and are then left with R510 per scout. (R660 – R150)

We currently have 17 scouts, which gives us an expected income of R8670.

This is not even enough to cover municipal costs.

We will need to increase subs or start raising funds.

4. Fundraising portfolio

We would need to create a portfolio for fundraising on our committee to generate the funds needed to sustain a healthy bank balance.

9. Appointment of Office Bearers for 2026

- **SGL:** Jacques Ferreira (continuing)
 - **Secretary:** Chris Nash (replacing Carlien Hudson)
 - **Treasurer:** Bronwyn Ferreira (continuing)
 - **Maintenance:** James Potgieter (replacing Johan Voster)
 - **PRO:** Chris Nash (replacing James Potgieter)
 - **Fundraising:** *Vacant*
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10. Award Presentation

Presented by **Jacques** and **Mr Pringle**:

- **Best Attendance:** Keith Hudson
- **Most Helpful:** Connor Te Water Naudé
- **Most Improved:** Simo Mcinga
- **Most Spirited Patrol:** Eagles – PL Jordan Maritz
- **Best Overall Patrol:** Buffaloes – PL Aidan Ferreira

11. Closure

The meeting was formally closed at **19:00**.